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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
SAUVAGNARGES

REF; BONN 13962

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES:

BEGIN TEXT DEAR JEAN: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU FEEL YOU HAVE
MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE SOVIETS WITH RESPECT TO THE EX-
CHANGE OF NOTES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT. I TOO WAS DISPOSED TO ACCEPT SOME EXCHANGE AND
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WE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH OUR ALLIES

AND, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAD INITIALLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA IN THE BONN GROUP. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS WITH RESPECT TO BORDER INCIDENTS, WHICH I BELIEVE WE MUST PROTEST, I NO LONGER BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ACCEDE TO THE SOVIET SUGGESTION WITHOUT CREATING FURTHER PROBLEMS FOR OURSELVES IN BERLIN.

"I WOULD THUS HOPE THAT YOU COULD SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR TO DECLINING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME. IT HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT WE COULD RETURN TO THIS PROPOSAL IN JUNE OF NEXT YEAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. IF YOU FELT THAT THIS WOULD SERVE YOUR PURPOSE WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO PROCEEDING THAT WAY, PROVIDING THINGS REMAIN QUIET BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

"WITH WARM REGARDS, END TEXT
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